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Spelman College was founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary to increase educational opportunities for Black women in Atlanta. Spelman's mission is to help students to think objectively, critically and creatively within a moral framework and to use their talents to solve problems that are ever present in a rapidly changing and complex environment.

The extraordinary contributions of historically black colleges and universities in educating students and in enriching our communities cannot be overstated. They are a valuable national resource which are being rightly honored for their exemplary tradition in higher education. Mr. President, please join me and our colleagues in congratulating and celebrating a rich legacy and tradition of the excellence, determination, strength, and perseverance of historically black colleges and universities.●

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG RECOVERY CENTERS, INC.

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Alcohol and Drug Recovery Centers, Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut, on its 25th Anniversary. ADRC provides much-needed services to the residents of 29 Greater Hartford communities: helping men and women first confront then overcome their addictions so they may live productive, substance free lives.

For a quarter of a century, the dedicated workers of ADRC have lent a helpful hand to their neighbors, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or economic circumstances. Their work has had a tangible impact on the community and I am proud to honor ADRC for its work on behalf of Hartford-area families.

This dynamic and proactive organization has continually blazed a trail for other community groups to follow. ADRC has worked hard to earn this praise on its silver anniversary and I am happy to wish all of its staff and friends continued success.●

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCAIN. In executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 648 and 649. I ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed at this point in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

##### REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

Linwood Holton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK) for a term of five years.

Amy M. Rosen, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK) for a term of five years.

#### NOMINATION OF AMY ROSEN TO THE AMTRAK REFORM BOARD

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to strongly support Amy Rosen's nomination to the Amtrak Reform Board of Directors. Ms. Rosen has the right blend of business and financial knowledge, talent and creativity needed to lead Amtrak into the next century.

Mr. President, the next few years will be crucial for Amtrak. To increase ridership, modernize and cut costs while reducing its dependence on federal assistance, Amtrak needs Board members with demonstrated business and financial skills. I believe Amy Rosen is eminently qualified to serve on Amtrak's Board and can make that kind of contribution at this critical juncture in Amtrak's history. She has business acumen derived from extensive professional experience in the private sector, along with her work in the public sector.

Currently, Ms. Rosen is Managing Partner of Public Private Initiatives, a financial services and consulting firm that employs innovative financing techniques to benefit public sector, non-profit and private sector clients. At PPI, she is directly involved in applying creative financial tools, such as tax-advantaged leasing and asset securitization to enhance government services.

For example, under Ms. Rosen's tenure, New Jersey Transit has leveraged \$1.8 billion worth of equipment and facilities, for a net benefit of \$100 million to New Jersey Transit and its ridership. Prior to starting Public Private Initiatives, Ms. Rosen was Senior Vice President of Marketing and Managing Director of Lockheed-Martin IMS, where she was responsible for the oversight of all domestic and international marketing initiatives, and state and federal relations. She also was very involved in the Lockheed merger with Martin Marietta. Throughout her tenure, she worked to re-shape the corporation's marketing and acquisition needs in the midst of defense budget cuts. These positions required the kind of skills and expertise that can help Amtrak deal effectively with the challenges it faces today.

Ms. Rosen also has relevant and extremely valuable experience in the public sector. She served as Deputy Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Transportation under Governor Byrne and currently serves as Vice Chair of the New Jersey Transit

Board of Directors. As a result of her service in these posts, she has hands-on experience in state government and will be able to build strong relationships between Amtrak and the states it serves.

Mr. President, while professional experience and particular skills are important for effective service, Ms. Rosen also has the kinds of personal strengths and attributes that the Senate looks for in nominees to high posts. She is bright, energetic, extremely hard working and committed to the goals and mission the Congress has set out for Amtrak. I can also personally attest to her integrity and ability to work well within a group.

Mr. President, I strongly support Ms. Rosen's appointment and I urge my colleagues to do the same. I yield the floor.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

#### AWARDING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO GERALD R. AND BETTY FORD

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3506 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3506) to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Gerald R. and Betty Ford.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3647

(Purpose: To award congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Pattillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to collectively as the "Little Rock Nine," on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, Senator D'AMATO has an amendment at the desk. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], for Mr. D'AMATO, proposes an amendment numbered 3647.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following new sections:

#### SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS FOR THE "LITTLE ROCK NINE".

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, hereafter in this section referred to as the "Little Rock Nine", voluntarily subjected themselves to the bitter stringing pains of racial bigotry;

(2) the Little Rock Nine are civil rights pioneers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the civil rights debate in this country;

(3) the Little Rock Nine risked their lives to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and subsequently the Nation;

(4) the Little Rock Nine sacrificed their innocence to protect the American principle that we are all "one nation, under God, indivisible";

(5) the Little Rock Nine have indelibly left their mark on the history of this Nation; and

(6) the Little Rock Nine have continued to work toward equality for all Americans.

(b) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on half of Congress, to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to the "Little Rock Nine", gold medals of appropriate design, in recognition of the selfless heroism that such individuals exhibited and the pain they suffered in the cause of civil rights by integrating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

(c) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (b) the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary for each recipient.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Effective October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) DUPLICATE MEDALS—

(1) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medals struck pursuant to this section under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The appropriation used to carry out this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of sales under paragraph (1).

#### SEC. 5. COMMEMORATIVE COINS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(7)(D) of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-329, 110 Stat. 4009) is amended to read as follows:

"(D) MINTING AND ISSUANCE OF COINS.—The Secretary—

"(i) may not mint coins under this paragraph after July 1, 1998; and

"(ii) may not issue coins minted under this paragraph after December 31, 1998.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall be construed to have the same effective date as section 101 of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to,

the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3647) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3506), as amended, was read a third time and passed.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 25. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be waived, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved and the Senate then resume consideration of the FAA reauthorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. MCCAIN. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the FAA reauthorization bill. There will be 20 minutes for closing remarks, followed by a rollcall vote on passage of the FAA reauthorization bill. Therefore, the first rollcall vote of Friday's session will occur at approximately 9:50 a.m. Following that vote, the Senate may consider any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

As a reminder to all Members, a cloture motion was filed today to the vacancies bill and therefore Members have until 1 p.m. on Friday to file first-degree amendments. The cloture vote has been scheduled to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28.

Mr. President, I would like to yield to the Senator from Kentucky if he would have any comments before I make a closing remark.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I will have a few additional remarks tomorrow. I made a speech one night and read it, and going home that evening Mrs. Ford said, "Did you ever think about just speaking from notes and off the cuff? It seems more sincere." So the next time we went out, I made this speech from just three or four notes, and I thought I did very well. We were going home,

and I said, "Well, how did I do tonight?" There was a hesitation, and she said, "I believe I'd go back to reading." And so I will be off the cuff tomorrow, with probably some prepared remarks. As you all know, this is probably the last piece of aviation legislation I will have any input into as a Senator.

I appreciate all the cooperation and good humor that has been displayed as we have moved along the way. I have been impressed by the staff that Senator MCCAIN has assembled to assist him. I have been amazed at the staff that we have, and how they work together and ultimately get it done. One of the things we worried about was having all the amendments maybe worked out before we got on the floor. And that came close.

But I remember something that Senator ROBERT BYRD told me a long time ago: If you cannot get an agreement, start, and it will create a vacuum. So I think that is exactly what has occurred here, along with the hard work on both sides of the aisle. It has been a good ride, and I look forward to the vote in the morning at 9:50, and then I will make some comments after that.

I am grateful to my colleague for his patience with me. We look forward to several more weeks of working together and accomplishing many things that he and I want to do. We are going to try. Whether we accomplish those things or not, only time will tell. But if there is anything in trying to get it done, Senator MCCAIN and I will accomplish our end purpose.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. I will have some more remarks tomorrow about my dear friend from Kentucky, because I would like to have more of my colleagues hear them. But hearing him speak in his own unique and frankly straightforward and candid fashion reminds me of all the years now, 12, that he and I have been working together. Perhaps that is not a long time in some areas of life, but it certainly is a long time when you consider the long, long list of issues concerning aviation that he and I have addressed together and the fact that I freely acknowledge, with great pride, that he has taught me an enormous amount, not only about aviation issues but how to achieve legislative results.

I will have more to say about that tomorrow. But as it is kind of quiet here in the Senate tonight, it makes one a bit nostalgic at this late hour.

Mr. FORD. Maybe it is the best time to say it.

Mr. MCCAIN. So I will stop before becoming maudlin.